California GIS Council
Minutes April 22, 2008
Modesto CA

1. **Introductions and Roll Call (MByrne)**
   a. Quorum reached (**15**).
   b. Approve minutes of last meeting? **Yes**

2. **Council action on GISP**
- Dave Hansen presented history--"Request for endorsement by CA GIS Council". Need for letter to endorse certification.
- Review of certification criteria; value of certification; why need endorse
- CA certification status – 96 then (Sept.) 122 now; 1770 to 2125 nationwide
- Show proposed letter. Read to attendees verbatim.
- Move to approve and vote ok. Joffe – last yr for grandfather in; change from experience criteria to a test- possible. May happen in few years.

3. **CA GIS strategic planning – phase 2**
- Mike – intro 2yr old start up. Phase 1 on identifying and prioritizing base map layers.
- Presentation by Malcolm – presentation again tomorrow Wed AM with discussion after (Mike B lead)
- Malcolm – recap of core (7) and cal centric data layers (11). Project objective – regional buildup. Received CAP grant from FGDC.
- Approach
    o 1. regional outreach
    o 2. pre workshop survey
    o 3. select workshop locations and gen reports
    o 4. post workshop web forum
    o 5. draft plan
    o 6. draft plan review

Brief discussion each stage. Strength/Weakness/Opportunities/Threat analysis. SWOT summary.
This is intended to be multi-year plan. Review by CGIA and CGC. See handout – ask everyone to download and read.
- Governance Recommendations:
  GR1 – Understand how counties with GIOs function
  GR2 – Develop criteria for coordination based on NSGIC 9
  GR3 – State support for state GIS coordinator
  GR4 – Advocacy role
  GR5 – CGC and CGIA support what regional groups want
- Data-related Recommendations:
  DR1 – Data sharing best practices template
  DR2 – CAP grant for framework model standard and framework data model.
  DR3 – Re-evaluate functionality of CASIL

DR4 – CGC form tech working group for best dist model for CA-SDI
DR5 – CGC vet select libraries as historical data repositories for temporal studies
DR6 – Promote avail of state agency 3rd party data licensing agreements
DR7 – Pursue implementation
DR8 – Promote educational sessions
- Finance Recommendations
FR1 – CGC give financial sustainability sessions in coordination with URISA across state
FR2 – Grant proposals (FGDC and others)
FR3 – Infrastructure work group (CGC) – GIS as critical infrastructure
FR4 – CGC form grants work group for region/state $$
FR5 – Evaluate how to obtain larger sustainable funding
- Marketing Recommendations
MR1 – June 2008 executive GIS event out to regional collaborative
MR2 – Interact with URISA to promote framework data
MR3 – Assess outreach capabilities to promote state framework
MR4 – Redefine, assess, and promote CASIL
MR5 – Yearly update brochure
MR6 – Geospatial contact directory
MR7 – Directory of GIS academic programs

Strategic Plan Open discussion:
- Need greater exposure for input discussion (data ok but not data model)
- Set performance measures with recommendations?
- Lump some recommendations together (ie. Council might promote regional repositories).
- Web service instead of repository? looked at this but varies widely.
- Counties surviving and regional have no $$.
- How to get regions to act as regions. regions don't know what state wants.
- County vs collaborative.
- Coordination may not continue in regions so what incentives for counties to keep going? CIRGIS focus on tnm. homeland security?
- Fusion network; how to get best available?

Mike recap role of CGC in discussions. Strategic plan working group be restarted. Note difference between CGC and CGIA tasked recommendations. Suggestion to direct homeland security attention to regional repositories. Can add additional recommendations?

4. Imagery business plan and best practices project
- Carol introduction
- Bill gives presentation. CGIA and USGS were sponsors. Purpose to look at state of regional collaborates across state and look at success factors and lessons learned.
- Key findings –
Most collaborative had no business plan,
Schedules were hard to keep,
QA need [thus 11:00 am presentation]
Recommendations (project mgmt, needs assessment, funding options)

Best practices – Critical elements include a champion, needs assessment, funds, business plan, project management, and quality assurance task

Discussion:
- Marketing is needed.
- NAIP funding changing, we will need to identify additional products and partners
- Business plan for disparate collection? Opposite as usual approach
- Consider CASIL as focal point?
- What are layers needed in emergency- plan in place; done for fire but see about other responders for diff situations. Licenses and access in emergency situations; need suggestions for putting into public domain. lower seat cost for larger area ordered for licenses.
- What is focus of report (regional or state)? should apply to any.

5. **DLRI working group**

Digital land records, presentation by Oscar J. The group will look at 2004 report and try to make recommendations for council. Handout. Proposed charter drafted Bruce – funding issue is politically difficulty; CGC can't do this.

Private vendor information meets most business needs. Mark – assessors on team. What parcels – ag or legal. Cowen report cited by Mike B. Discuss vendor deals with sales $$ sharing with county.

6. **Informational items:**
- CA executive event – John -June 19th. Sacraments. Objective of the event is to stress importance of GIS to state agency execs and legislative. Help new CIO build on interest to help GIS in state. CIO has working group. Vendor sponsors. Keynote speakers are being identified. Call for papers
- NGAC – Mike B provided handout with info. Set actions last week. Biggest item is #6 national geospatial strategy. Statement from state CIO
- NHD – Carol provided handout, USFS plans to steward USFS-owned land; SFEI lost primary contact but will replace; SANGIS and Southern California Coastal Watershed Program and serving as new regional stewards.
- Homeland security – Terrance meet with agency heads soon.

7. **Roundtable**
- New tiger files available in shapfile (pres on wed at 1:30pm).
- Resource agency re-brand services.
- State Parks has enterprise operation.
- Caltrans still working on Teleatlas deal but delays to date.
- LA – blog suggestion. Sac county – sde port for sewar water etc
- SaCOG – regional cooperative work plan;

- SDGRGC – subregion imagery; reorg as nonprofit; get state/fed local offices to participate in regional councils.
- Dept. Food and Ag. – tracking various outbreaks, need imagery and HSIP demographics,
- BLM working on parcel data/road and trail data;
- Bruce Joffe – CA appeals court deciding on public domain access.
- LA building footprints countywide.

Next in Sacramento, date TBD.
Adjourn at 5:54